WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a user, the user having a plurality of communication devices each having a communication channel, the method comprising:

receiving information on a communication device, the information indicating incoming data for the communication device;

receiving a notification from the communication device at a server; and

transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device comprises storing the notification in a database if the preferred device cannot receive the notification.

3.   The method of claim 1, comprising:

selecting the preferred device from the plurality of devices.

4.   The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection on the communication device of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

5.   The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection on the communication device of a device for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

6. The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection on the communication device of calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein receiving a user selection on the communication device of calling parties comprises using a calendar function for providing date specific notifications.

8. The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection on the communication device of a preferred device for receiving notifications based on the time of day or calling party.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is a SMS message.

10. An apparatus for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a user, the user having a plurality of communication devices each having a communication channel, the apparatus comprising:

a communication device for receiving information indicating incoming data to one of a plurality of devices of the user, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types; and

a server for receiving a notification from the communication device and for transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device, the notification including an identification of the type of the incoming data.

11.   The apparatus of claim 10, comprising:

a database for selecting calling parties from which notifications are to transmitted to the preferred device.

12.   The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the database indicates times during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

13.   A method for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a user, the user having a plurality of communication devices each having a communication channel, the method comprising:

receiving information on a communication device from a calling party calling one of the plurality of devices;

generating a notification corresponding to the received information; and

transmitting the notification from the communication device to the preferred device to display a real-time notification.

14.   An apparatus for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a user, the user having a plurality of communication devices each having a communication channel, the apparatus comprising:

a communication device for receiving or generating data, the information

being in the form of one of a plurality of data types; and

a server for receiving the data from the communication device and for

transmitting the data to the user's preferred device.